

Attendance Matters

Being on time and in school every day makes a huge difference in helping to make sure every child achieves their full potential.

The government have released guidance for parents about school attendance, which contains a wealth of useful information. It can be found on the following link:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2022/12/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance.pdf>

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. The table below shows the amount of lost learning a child may have by missing school.

100% attendance	Zero days missed
99% attendance	Two days of absence across the year
97% attendance	Five days of absence across the year
95% attendance	Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four days of learning missed.
90% attendance	Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks and four days of learning missed
85% attendance	Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks and three days of learning missed.
80% attendance	Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven weeks and 3 days of learning missed.
75% attendance	Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed.

Of course, it is not unusual for children to become unwell and there will be occasions when you need to decide whether to keep your child off school or nursery. There is some guidance on the NHS website surrounding childhood illnesses and when a child should be kept off school. This information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is not going to be in school, please notify the school office by 8.30am each day.

School Photographs

Our photographer is in school on **Wednesday 20th September** to take individual photos of all children in Reception and Years 1-6. Please send your children in full school uniform on the day.



Nursery children will have their photographs taken on Wednesday 27th September, along with all children who have a sibling in school.

We will then send home the proofs and ordering information when we receive them in a few weeks' time.

Thank you for your continued support.



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



GREAT HOLLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN EVENTS

Morning visit - 9.15am

Friday 29 September

Wednesday 18 October

Monday 13 November

Wednesday 10 January

Evening visit - 6.00pm

Tuesday 31 October

Thursday 30 November

Booking is required for this event. Please register using the **online form** on our website.



Do you have a child starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2024?

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.

Information Board



GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

6th October - Big on Bouncing - Slough *cost involved

20th October - Halloween Quiz - Online

3rd November - Rugby Fun - RBWM - Windsor

17th November - Create your own Mr Men or Little Miss Character/Story - Online

1st December - Make your own Christmas Decorations - Bracknell

15th December - Christmas Film Quiz - Online

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD
and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk

Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email which course you'd like to attend, your name and contact number to Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Courses are for adults supporting children not the children themselves and each course is a standalone 2-hour session.

Please be aware that spaces are offered on a first come first served basis

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed.

Please only book onto the sessions if you are *going to be able to attend* to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place

Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happens when children become anxious • Impact current events have had on children's mental health • Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries 	
Tuesday 19 th September 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday 11 th October 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre. Priority for Fox Hill parents although there may be spaces for parent from other schools	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 16 th November 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child • Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour • Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours 	
Monday 18 th September 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Friday 29 th September 2023 (updated date) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre – Priority for Fox Hill parents although there may be spaces for parent from other schools	9.30 – 11.30 am
Wednesday 4 th October 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday 8 th November 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The different sleep issues facing our families. • Tips on how to get a good night's sleep. • Help children develop good sleeping habits 	
Thursday 12 th October 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 11 th December 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style • Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour • Boosting your relationship and communication with your child 	
Wednesday 18 th October 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30

Monday 20 th November 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30
Reducing Sibling Rivalry A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship • Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling • Boosting children's emotional literacy 	
Thursday 28 th September 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday 1 st November 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different family dynamics and how they can work • Parental conflict resolutions • Being the best parent that you can be for your child 	
Monday 25 th September 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 30 th November 2023 @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Supporting a smooth transition to secondary school (YR 5/6 parents) A 2-hour session looking at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the transition involves • The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting • Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition 	
Let me know if you would like to add your name to the waiting list for next year	